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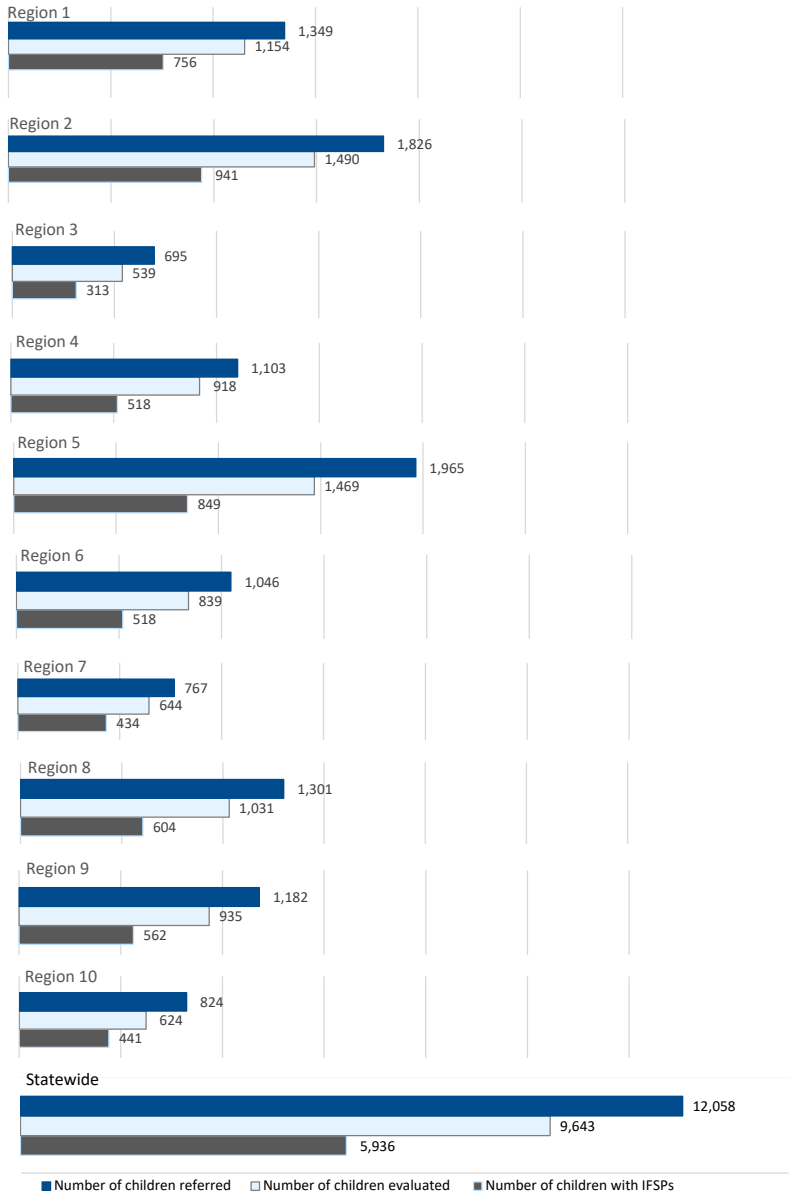
Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Number of Children Evaluated, and IFSP Rates:

Unduplicated Referrals During Last 12 months (May 2025 to April 2026)

SPOE	Category	Number/Rate
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)	Number of children referred	1,349
	Number of children evaluated	1,154
	Number of children with IFSPs	756
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	65.5%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)	Number of children referred	1,826
	Number of children evaluated	1,490
	Number of children with IFSPs	941
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	63.2%
Northeast (Reg. 3)	Number of children referred	695
	Number of children evaluated	539
	Number of children with IFSPs	313
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	58.1%
Northwest (Reg. 4)	Number of children referred	1,103
	Number of children evaluated	918
	Number of children with IFSPs	518
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	56.4%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)	Number of children referred	1,965
	Number of children evaluated	1,469
	Number of children with IFSPs	849
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	57.8%
Central (Reg. 6)	Number of children referred	1,046
	Number of children evaluated	839
	Number of children with IFSPs	518
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	61.7%
Southwest (Reg. 7)	Number of children referred	767
	Number of children evaluated	644
	Number of children with IFSPs	434
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	67.4%
South Central (Reg. 8)	Number of children referred	1,301
	Number of children evaluated	1,031
	Number of children with IFSPs	604
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	58.6%
East Central (Reg. 9)	Number of children referred	1,182
	Number of children evaluated	935
	Number of children with IFSPs	562
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	60.1%
Southeast (Reg. 10)	Number of children referred	824
	Number of children evaluated	624
	Number of children with IFSPs	441
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	70.7%
Statewide	**Number of children referred**	**12,058**
	Number of children evaluated	**9,643**
	Number of children with IFSPs	**5,936**
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	**61.6%**

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

Comparison of Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Children Evaluated, and Children with IFSPs by SPOE and Statewide



Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months Referrals Include Multiple Referrals Per Child

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	832	82	181	686
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	359	33	94	410
IFSP Rate	43.1%	40.2%	51.9%	59.8%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,238	100	156	1,000
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	481	34	61	556
IFSP Rate	38.9%	34.0%	39.1%	55.6%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	509	83	124	188
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	223	15	52	97
IFSP Rate	43.8%	18.1%	41.9%	51.6%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	797	58	119	529
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	318	12	42	259
IFSP Rate	39.9%	20.7%	35.3%	49.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,343	163	225	814
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	489	39	78	413
IFSP Rate	36.4%	23.9%	34.7%	50.7%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	847	79	136	320
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	347	17	56	184
IFSP Rate	41.0%	21.5%	41.2%	57.5%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	496	80	158	249
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	227	24	74	162
IFSP Rate	45.8%	30.0%	46.8%	65.1%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	826	223	256	386
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	359	53	95	220
IFSP Rate	43.5%	23.8%	37.1%	57.0%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	708	107	187	506
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	281	27	80	274
IFSP Rate	39.7%	25.2%	42.8%	54.2%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	631	101	1,644	246
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	291	27	693	155
IFSP Rate	46.1%	26.7%	42.2%	63.0%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	**8,227**	**1,076**	**1,644**	**4,924**
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	**3,375**	**281**	**693**	**2,730**
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	**41.0%**	**26.1%**	**42.2%**	**55.4%**
% by Source - Statewide	**51.8%**	**6.8%**	**10.4%**	**31.0%**

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.
IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.
Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).
Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	698	159	280	114	1,251
	Percent	55.8%	12.7%	24.5%	9.1%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	950	207	272	196	1,625
	Percent	58.5%	12.7%	20.6%	12.1%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	363	23	125	55	566
	Percent	64.1%	4.1%	31.9%	9.7%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	582	67	123	53	825
	Percent	70.5%	8.1%	19.2%	6.4%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	934	13	285	140	1,372
	Percent	68.1%	0.9%	22.0%	10.2%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	593	31	191	89	904
	Percent	65.6%	3.4%	26.4%	9.8%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	424	74	91	34	623
	Percent	68.1%	11.9%	18.0%	5.5%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	650	92	158	65	965
	Percent	67.4%	9.5%	19.0%	6.7%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	632	30	190	98	950
	Percent	66.5%	3.2%	24.1%	10.3%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	492	46	144	45	727
	Percent	67.7%	6.3%	21.3%	6.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	**Number**	**6,318**	**742**	**1,859**	**889**	**9,808**
	Percent	**64.4%**	**7.6%**	**19.0%**	**9.1%**	**100.0%**

* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	1,068	169	1,237	7	1,244
	Percent	85.9%	13.6%	99.4%	0.6%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,317	281	1,598	20	1,618
	Percent	81.4%	17.4%	98.8%	1.2%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	478	87	565	0	565
	Percent	84.6%	15.4%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	742	69	811	0	811
	Percent	91.5%	8.5%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,240	118	1,358	1	1,359
	Percent	91.2%	8.7%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	784	116	900	0	900
	Percent	87.1%	12.9%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	539	76	615	2	617
	Percent	87.4%	12.3%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	786	172	958	0	958
	Percent	82.0%	18.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	858	77	935	7	942
	Percent	91.1%	8.2%	99.3%	0.7%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	606	119	725	0	725
	Percent	83.6%	16.4%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	**Number**	**8,418**	**1,284**	**9,702**	**37**	**9,739**
	Percent	**86.4%**	**13.2%**	**99.6%**	**0.4%**	**100.0%**

*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

** Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	5.74%	5.31%	4.81%	4.14%	4.04%	4.92%	4.57%	4.19%	4.99%	5.14%	4.75%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.42%	3.68%	6.12%	2.20%	2.87%	2.89%	2.52%	3.01%	3.87%	2.04%	3.33%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	6.40%	5.97%	6.59%	5.65%	3.88%	5.76%	7.16%	4.50%	6.05%	6.36%	5.49%
White											
% of Pop.	5.46%	5.00%	4.67%	3.92%	4.23%	4.83%	4.48%	4.16%	4.91%	4.97%	4.62%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	11.24%	6.94%	0.00%	4.31%	0.00%	2.35%	2.07%	4.90%	1.85%	0.00%	2.99%

*Census data (2024 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

**Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	113	119	26	113	293	85	113	87	72	48	1,069
Under 3 Pop.	1,710	2,079	540	2,057	5,958	1,362	1,978	1,628	1,040	794	19,146
% of Pop.	6.61%	5.72%	4.81%	5.49%	4.92%	6.24%	5.71%	5.34%	6.92%	6.05%	5.58%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,138	1,506	540	712	1,079	819	510	878	878	679	8,739
Under 3 Pop.	20,091	28,507	11,221	17,847	28,031	17,005	11,651	21,429	18,014	13,338	187,134
% of Pop.	5.66%	5.28%	4.81%	3.99%	3.85%	4.82%	4.38%	4.10%	4.87%	5.09%	4.67%

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn / Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.4%	2.9%	2.8%	14.7%	2.5%	17.3%	8.4%	45.4%	5.7%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.2%	3.9%	3.8%	13.1%	2.9%	12.6%	6.8%	47.3%	9.4%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.5%	0.0%	4.0%	19.3%	2.0%	13.0%	7.8%	48.8%	4.8%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.3%	1.5%	4.4%	22.5%	3.0%	10.1%	7.6%	47.0%	3.5%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.4%	0.7%	5.5%	15.4%	2.4%	8.6%	9.8%	51.3%	5.8%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.3%	0.3%	3.6%	15.4%	4.6%	16.2%	8.4%	46.2%	5.0%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.0%	9.9%	3.7%	14.5%	6.0%	6.9%	10.8%	43.0%	5.2%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.6%	0.9%	6.2%	19.9%	3.9%	10.3%	10.4%	44.4%	3.5%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.1%	3.1%	4.0%	16.1%	1.3%	14.6%	10.8%	47.0%	2.8%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.3%	0.8%	3.4%	12.0%	5.2%	18.8%	12.8%	43.8%	3.1%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.3%	2.4%	4.2%	16.1%	3.2%	12.6%	9.1%	46.8%	5.3%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.